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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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- 2 relating to venue in the prosecution of certain criminal conduct
- 3 involving obstruction or retaliation.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Chapter 13, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
- 6 amended by adding Article 13.37 to read as follows:
- 7 Art. 13.37. OBSTRUCTION OR RETALIATION. An offense under
- 8 Section 36.06(a)(1), Penal Code, may be prosecuted in any county in
- 9 which:
- 10 <u>(1) the harm occurs; or</u>
- 11 (2) the threat to do harm originated or was received.
- 12 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
- 13 to venue for the trial of an offense committed on or after the
- 14 effective date of this Act. Venue for the trial of an offense
- 15 committed before the effective date of this Act is covered by the
- 16 law in effect when the offense was committed, and the former law is
- 17 continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section,
- 18 an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if
- 19 any element of the offense occurred before that date.
- SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.